

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2003. Claims 1-13, 15-24 and 31 - 37 are presented herewith for consideration.

Objections to the Claims

The claims have been amended taking into account the comments by the Examiner on Page 2 of the Office Action.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

It is respectfully submitted that claims 21 and 30 now particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 17 and 31 have been amended to include the limitations present in claim 14. As to claim 1, and dependent claims 2-23 and 15 -16, the Examiner indicated:

Claim 14 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Hence, it is submitted claims 1 - 16 are allowable.

Moreover, the Examiner indicated that:

Claim 14 discloses that the sync engine resided on each device includes a copy of a previous state of the data. No prior art discloses or suggest the sync engine including a copy of a previous state of the data.

As the limitations of claim 14 concerning a sync engine are now incorporated into independent claims 17 and 31, and by their dependency claims 18-24 and 32-37, it is respectfully submitted claims 1-24 and 31-37 are now allowable.

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Summary of Examiner Interview

The Examiner is thanked for the opportunity to discuss this case on April 24, 2003. A general discussion of the proposed amendments occurred between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney, and the proposed amendments to claims 17 and 31 were considered generally in light of the Examiner's comments on allowable subject matter in the Office Action mailed March 7, 2003

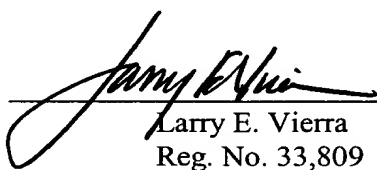
Based on the above amendments and these remarks, reconsideration of Claims 1-13, 15-24 and 31 - 37 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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